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Merit Scholarships for New Incoming Students

Kean University offers a comprehensive array of merit and need-based scholarships for incoming freshmen. Freshmen and transfer applicants applying for admission are considered for merit scholarships. Your complete application for admission to Kean University is your application for these merit scholarships.

New Freshmen Merit Scholarships

These awards are given based on alternate indicators including, but not limited to courses taken, academic rigor, class rank with a primary focus on high school (unweighted) GPA and standardized exams (SAT, ACT) if applicable. Only recent high school graduates primarily admitted as full-time freshmen are eligible.

These scholarships are renewable for up to four years (8 semesters) of consecutive undergraduate study when a cumulative 3.0 GPA is maintained through continuous full-time enrollment. Please note that these merit awards cannot be combined with one another.

Additionally, we reserve the right to reduce the scholarship amount should the total of all federal, state, and other awards exceed the cost of attendance.

There are seven named levels of merit scholarships and recognition that range from \$500 to full-in-state tuition.

Scholarship Name	Maximum Award Over 4 Years
William Livingston Full Scholarship	up to \$50,000
Kean Scholar	up to \$20,000
Trustee Scholar	up to \$14,000
Presidential Scholar	up to \$10,000
Academic Scholar	up to \$6,000
Climb Higher Scholarship	up to \$4,000

**Scholarship decisions are made by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships based on criteria provided by the Office of Admissions. Please know that all decisions are final.*

Early Action Award	Offered to accepted applicants who complete their application and submit all required documents by January 1
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DISTINGUISHED FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Kean offers qualified incoming freshmen renewable scholarships for outstanding students in specialized areas. Complete admissions applications are reviewed by the academic selection committee. Selection will be communicated from the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarship Services.

New Jersey Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics (NJSTM) Scholarship

For incoming freshmen who matriculate directly into five-year, combined bachelor/master's degree honors programs who maintain a cumulative (unweighted) high school GPA of 3.1 or higher are eligible for consideration for the NJCSTM in-state tuition scholarships at time of entry. Consideration for these scholarships is conducted by the NJSTM Admission Committee at the time of review for admissions, therefore there is no separate application needed.

Eligible 5 year NJCSTM programs for this scholarship are:

Biotechnology / Molecular Biology | Computational Science and Engineering | Biology Education | Chemistry Education | Mathematics Education

100% in-state tuition & fees

3.7 - 4.0 GPA**

75% in-state tuition only

3.4 - 3.69 GPA

50% in-state tuition only

3.1 - 3.39 GPA

** Eligibility for scholarships will depend greatly on the successful completion of biology, chemistry, **and** pre-calculus **OR** trigonometry courses in high school.*

*** GPAs are based on a 4.0 scale.*

This scholarship is renewable each academic year, as long as recipients uphold a minimum 3.0 GPA and full-time enrollment at the University. Students in the 5-year program, can also be eligible for full in-state graduate tuition coverage.

For students in the NJCSTM honors college who commit to teach for three years in a New Jersey school upon graduation, scholarships are renewable in accordance with program requirements. For academic program information, contact (908) 737-7202 or email njcste@kean.edu. Students admitted to the **B.S. Biomedicine** Program are not eligible for these awards, as that is a flat-rate tuition program.

Michael Graves College of Architecture and Design Scholarship

A select number of full in-state tuition scholarships are awarded to primarily incoming freshmen with a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA who pursue undergraduate degrees in **architecture or design**. These scholarships are renewable for up to four years with a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA and continuous full-time enrollment.

Freshmen applicants to the programs of the Michael Graves College of Architecture and Design are automatically reviewed for scholarship by the MGC Admission Committee. Eligible applicants will be contacted to provide a portfolio for faculty review before a final decision is rendered.

School of Fine and Performing Arts Scholarship

A select number of full-tuition scholarships are awarded to primarily incoming freshmen with a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA who pursue undergraduate degrees in **fine arts, music or theatre**. These scholarships are renewable for up to four years with a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA and continuous full-time enrollment. Eligible applicants must first alert the faculty of their interest in this highly competitive scholarship then submit a Foundation Scholarship Application and provide either an audition or a portfolio for faculty review before a final decision is rendered.

CENTENNIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP

A limited number of these renewable scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen by the Kean University Foundation, based on academic merit and financial need, as determined by the FAFSA. To learn more about the Centennial Fund Scholarship, please visit www.kean.edu/cfs.

GARDEN STATE EQUITY SCHOLARSHIP

These renewable scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen, based on academic merit and financial need, as determined by the FAFSA. To learn more about the Garden State Equity Scholarship, please visit www.kean.edu/equity.

OUT-OF-STATE ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCY SCHOLARSHIP

Kean University awards a scholarship in the amount of \$16,000 over four years (\$4,000 annually) to a select number of qualified incoming freshmen from outside New Jersey, who choose to live on campus. Students must have a minimum 3.0 high school GPA, based on the University's review of the undergraduate application for admission. Candidates must also submit a FAFSA and complete a Campus Housing Application.

These scholarships are renewable for up to four years (eight consecutive semesters) of undergraduate study, as long as recipients maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA, full-time enrollment and campus residency.

**Those who identify as international students could be subject to applicable state or federal tax laws pertaining to this award.*

Transfer Merit Scholarships

Kean offers new transfer students offers merit awards for the first year of study for fall entry students. Completed admissions application will qualify students for consideration.

TRANSFER MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

The Transfer Merit Scholarship is a \$1,000 one-time scholarship is awarded based on academic performance from applicant's prior institution of higher education, with 3.0 cumulative GPA and either an associate's degree or comparable coursework totaling a minimum of 60 credits, as determined by the Office of Admissions.

This scholarship is contingent on full-time (minimum of 12 credits) enrollment.

TRANSFER EARLY ACTION AWARD

The early action award in the amount of \$500 is a one-time award offered to new transfer students offered to accepted fall semester applicants who complete their application and submit all required documents by March 1.

PHI THETA KAPPA (PTK) SCHOLARSHIP

To qualify, candidates are required to provide the Office of Transfer Admissions proof of organizational membership as well as final official transcripts that indicate degree conferral.

NOTE: If you are in your final semester, you will be tentatively awarded the PTK Scholarship until Admissions receives your final official transcript with your degree conferred.

Know that there are two tiers for the PTK Scholarship based on full or part-time study. Students pursuing full-time study (minimum of 12 credits) receive a total annual amount of \$2000 (*\$1000 towards each semester, fall and spring*) Students studying part-time receive a total annual award of \$1000 (*\$500 towards each semester, fall and spring*).

SKYLANDS SCHOLARSHIP

A select number of students who are admitted to the Kean University Skylands Campus may be eligible to receive a \$1,000 one-time award, based upon a transcript review by the Office of Transfer Admissions and Skylands Administration.

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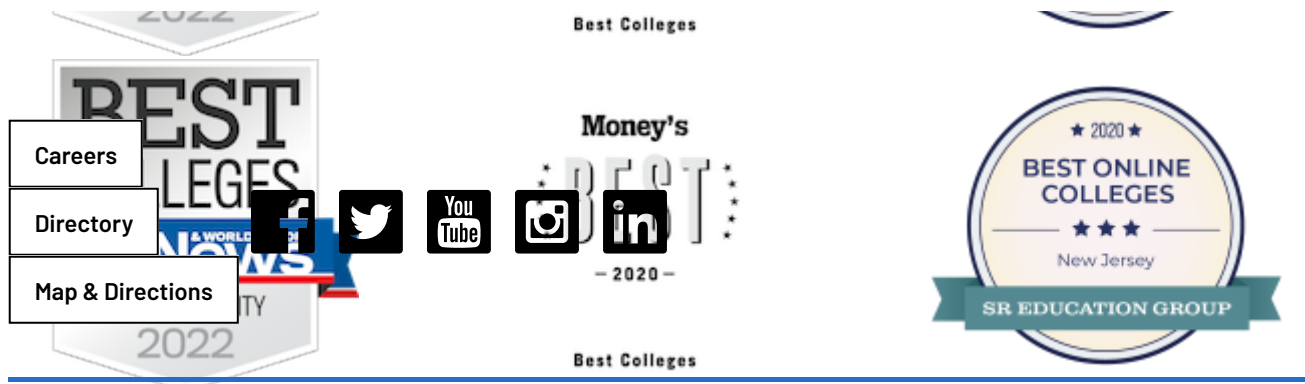
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